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LC HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEES

Where Have They Been? Where Are They Going? Part III

Presented in this last part of a three-part article on the progress made by Library Human Relations Committees in their first two years of operation are reports submitted by the committees of the Congressional Research Service and the Office of the Librarian.

CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

During its second year, the CRS Human Relations Committee has concentrated on concerns of division staff members indicated in response to the second annual CRS HRC survey. The survey revealed that the major areas of concern of CRS staff members are promotion and working conditions at the Library. The committee has been studying the "CRS Career Service Promotion Plan" and a report on this study is nearing completion. In the area of working conditions, the group has been examining safety precautions in the Library, with emphasis on fire safety. The committee intends to work with the LC Safety and Preparedness Officer, Stephen E. Bush, toward a solution to the problems which exist in this area.

Attention bibliophiles and browsers! LCPA announces its third annual book sale on p. 179 of this *Information Bulletin.*

Parking and transportation has been a concern of the committee, as have the need for flexible working hours, the CRS recruitment policy, the proposed labor-management regulation, the Affirmative Action Program draft, LC Regulation 2010-3.1 on the resolution of problems, complaints, and charges of discrimination in Library employment, and staff relations under the Equal Opportunity Program.

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CIP ABSORBS LC PREASSIGNED CARD NUMBER PROGRAM

The Library of Congress Cataloging in Publication Program (CIP) is absorbing the LC preassigned card number program, it has been announced. The growth and success of CIP has made possible the consolidation of these two programs. All LC preassigned card number activities for books are being transferred from the Card Division to the CIP office. Publishers now participating in the Card Division's preassigned number program are being asked to communicate with the CIP office in the future and that office will handle all preassigned number functions for monographs. CIP, which began in June 1971, now includes the output of 610 publishers whose titles account for about 65 percent of all monographs published in the United States and collected by libraries.

Monographic titles with a U.S. imprint are candidates for full CIP processing. Using publishers'

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galleys or prepublication information sheets and front matter, the Library is now able to establish the basic elements of the LC catalog record which is then printed in the published book. Publishers who now use the preassigned number in advance advertising can substitute the CIP symbol or the CIP assigned card number, which will alert librarians that the book will appear with cataloging information, including the number, printed within.

The preassigned number program began in July 1956 as part of the Library's All the Books program, which enabled publishers to obtain numbers for use in advertisements and announcements; the Library to receive prepublication copies of books for speedy cataloging; and the library community to learn of new books from the dissemination of the catalog record as well as to order catalog cards by number for half the price of orders without card numbers.

Using CIP gives publishers, librarians, and the Library of Congress the same advantages. The Library has found, however, that it is best to preassign numbers with the galley or front matter in hand which does away with most incorrect or "ghost" numbers, numbers which were given to titles which remained unpublished for a long time or, in some cases, forever. Books receiving CIP treatment are likely to be published in the near future.

MAPS OF PLANNED COMMUNITIES EXHIBITED AT G&M

An exhibit of maps of 19th- and 20th-century planned communities opened at the Library's Geography and Map Division, 845 S. Pickett St., Alexandria, Va., on May 16, and will remain on view through July 31.

Various aspects of urban planning, including plans of proposed communities never constructed, suburban community planning, 19th-century U.S. town planning, pre-World War II government-planned communities in the United States and Germany, and functional planning in such areas as national capitals, company towns, religious communities, and scientific centers, appear in the 37-map exhibit.

Of special note are Lucio Costa's "Plano Piloto de Brasilia" of April 1958, the first plan of Brasilia; manuscript maps of the Shaker communities of Alfred, Me., Canterbury, N.H., and Union Villages, Ohio; the three "greenbelt" towns of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Rehabilitation Administration; and Albert Speer's plans for the revitalization of Berlin. The Speer materials on display include a series of plans of the grand avenue in central Berlin which reflects changes in thought from 1933 to 1938; Speer's large (252 x 99 cm) "Neuplanung Berlin nach den Ideen des Führers" of January 1937; and his 1938 and 1942 plans for proposed urban change in Berlin.

The exhibit is open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

PHOTODUPLICATION SERVICE ALUMNUS RETURNS TO LC

On May 10, Ichiro Sugi visited the Photoduplication Service to renew acquaintances established over 20 years ago. He was accompanied by a colleague, Kazuhiko Yura.

In 1953 the Japanese microfilm industry was in its infancy, but the leadership of the National Diet Library, realizing that photoduplication techniques would be an essential part of future library service, secured a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation of $41,000 for microfilm equipment. Mr. Sugi, designated to head the projected Microfilm Laboratory, was sent to the United States for a six-month training period. He began his three-month stay in the Library's Photoduplication Service on March 11, 1953.

During this internship, he was instructed in all phases of photoduplication techniques with special emphasis on microfilming and related activities. Mr. Sugi worked under the guidance of Messrs. William E. Davis, Photoduplication Assistant Chief for Technical Services; Donald Holmes, former Chief of the Photoduplication Service; Elmer S. King, Head, Photoduplication Laboratory; and Charles G. LaHood, Jr., current Chief of the service, all of whom remember him warmly for his alertness, gracious manners, and attention to detail.

Upon returning to Japan in 1953, Mr. Sugi established and equipped the National Diet Library Microfilm Laboratory and directed it through its initial phase of operation. Upon completing this task, Mr. Sugi returned to his position with Fuji Photo. He is presently associated with Tokyo Microphoto Works, Ltd. which is a film supplier for Fiji Photo.

Mr. Sugi's return visit to the Library included an extensive tour of the Photoduplication Laboratory, after which he and Mr. Yura joined Messrs. LaHood, Davis, and King for lunch. It was a day for reminiscing as well as discussing comparative technologies.

Messrs. Yura, LaHood, Sugi, and King

LCPA SPONSORS ANNUAL BOOK SALE

The Library of Congress Professional Association will hold its third annual book sale on Wednesday, June 19, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Room C-105 in the Main Building.

Persons wishing to donate books for the sale should bring them to the Library between June 5-14. An LCPA member will be stationed at the front door of the Main Building (1st St., Ground Floor) from 7:45-8:45 a.m. and at the front door of the Annex Building (2nd St.) from 7:30-8:15 a.m. each morning to receive books. During working hours, Winston Tabb, Congressional Reference Division, CRS, MB-115, ext. 5739, will accept book donations from staff members.

In the outlying divisions, the following persons have agreed to collect books for the sale: Dorothy Pollet, DBPH; Mike Shelley, G&M; Vernie Warren, Navy Yard; Imre Jarmy, Mass. Ave.; and Rose Lembo, Copyright.

All LC staff members are invited to donate books and to attend the sale. Those attending will be required to show LC employee building passes when purchasing books before 1 p.m. Money from the sale will be used for various projects throughout the Library.

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEES

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The CRS HRC has prepared and distributed reports to CRS staff on the following subjects: the CRS Human Relations Committee Evaluation of Program Crossover; Promotion Policy and Procedure; Communications within CRS: Issues, Problems, and Recommendations; and the First Annual Report of the Human Relations Committee of CRS.

Current members of the CRS HRC are Mauree Ayton, Chairperson; Majorie Browne; Christopher Dell; Charles Doyle; Stuart Glass; Virginia Graham; Frances Gulick; Bill Holloway; Kent Hughes; Alma Jones; Betsy Madden; Tish Reid; Joe Richardson; Tom Wander; and David Whiteman.

OFFICE OF THE LIBRARIAN

Organized in August 1972, the Human Relations Committee of the Librarian's Office has devoted much of its time and effort to the analysis of existing and proposed LC programs and policies and to the development of concrete recommendations for improvements in areas relating to human relations.

One of the committee's initial projects, for example, involved a detailed study of the Library's training programs. Particular attention was devoted to determining the level of support available for employees attending various educational institutions, the scope and adequacy of inhouse training programs, and the correlation between inhouse programs and current job vacancies. On the basis of the committee's findings, suggestions concerning upward mobility in the Library were submitted to the director of personnel. The committee also reviewed the initial proposals for an Affirmative Action Program, and a number of its suggestions were subsequently incorporated into the program.

Recommendations were made to the Library administration concerning the draft LCR on the Equal Opportunity Program, and revisions were suggested for the LCR governing employment of relatives in the Library.

Other committee studies covered such diverse subjects as a proposed daycare center for children of LC employees, cafeteria and snackbar service, staff evaluation of supervisors, standardization of postings, commuting problems, and regulations governing material included in personnel folders.

A subcommittee of the LO/HRC conducted an extensive review of performance ratings and, on the basis of its findings, the committee recommended to the Library administration a number of revisions in rating procedures. Committee members undertook an analysis of the Library's proposed labor-management program and submitted several suggested changes.

On matters of Library-wide concern, the committee has worked with the Human Relations Council, reviewing programs suggested by other departmental committees and submitting opinions through the LO/HRC representative on the council.

Current members of the committee are Frederick Mohr, Chairman; Evelyn Eiwen; Gerald Gawalt; Mary Hill; James Kepler; Barbara Sakamoto; Doreena Thomas; Sandra Turner; and Paul Vassallo.

STAFF NEWS

DEATH OF A FORMER STAFF MEMBER

Soren Lura, who retired from the Library in December 1965, died on February 12.

Born in Norway, Mr. Lura came to this country during the 1920's and graduated from high school in 1927 in Grand Forks, N. Dak. He attended St. Olaf College, Concordia College, University of Minnesota, and the University of North Dakota, receiving three bachelor's degrees in music and library science before 1939.

Mr. Lura joined the Library in May 1941 in the Catalog Preparation and Maintenance Section of the Card Division. In July 1947 he became Senior Filer in Charge of the Music Division Catalog in the Catalog Maintenance Division. He remained in this position until his retirement, except for a brief period in 1952 when he was appointed Acting Head of the Filing Section.

Mr. Lura was an active life member and past president of the Oxon Hill (Md.) Lions Club. Many of his friends and colleagues will remember his cheerful and easy manner and his initiative in meeting assignments. The family request memorial donations be made to the Lura Memorial Library at Cafritz Hospital.

AWARDS

Maudelle D. Gardner completed 30 years of Federal Service on April 19, and was presented a Federal Service Award pin by John J. Pizzo, Assistant Chief for Management, Card Division.

Mrs. Gardner began her Federal career in February 1943, with the Bureau of Internal Revenue. She then transferred to the Department of the Army in 1953, the Department of the Air Force in 1962, U.S. Navy Finance in 1965, U.S. Army Finance and Accounts in 1966, and the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare in 1968.

Mrs. Gardner came to the Library of Congress in 1969 and has held the position of Library Technician (Arranger) since her employment in the Card Division.

Julia E. Harty, Librarian in Charge of Circulation, Rare Book Division, was presented with a 30-year Federal Service Award pin on May 9, by Paul L. Berry, Director of the Reference Department.

Miss Harty, a native of Washington, D.C., began her Federal service in 1944 with the U.S. Army Quartermaster's General Depot in Memphis, Tenn. In July 1947, she joined the staff of the Library as a deck attendant in the Stack and Reader Division. Four years later, in September 1951, Miss Harty transferred to the Rare Book Division and moved through a series of positions with increased responsibility. She is at present in charge of circulation.

Miss Harty's entire Federal service career has consistently been attended by commendations on the part of her supervisors for her "meticulous and exacting" efficiency. She has twice received a Meritorious Service Award for her contributions to

the activities of the division and her services have frequently been acknowledged by grateful readers.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Appointments: Patricia Carter, clerk-typist, GS-3, Cat Publ, 8-500; Thomas James Daniels, monographic preservation assistant, GS-4, Bind, 6595; William Wendell Fletcher, analyst in environmental policy, GS-9, CRS EP, 6667; Elizabeth A. Hynes, inquiries recorder, GS-7; CRS D, 6583; Patricia M. Johnson, secretary, GS-5, PMO, 6676; Eric P. Needle, arranger, GS-3, Share Cat, 6510; Christine S. Persichetti, bill digester and reference assistant, GS-7, CRS A, 6553; Elizabeth Ticknor, library technician, GS-5, E&G, 6445.

Temporary Appointments: James Franklin McConnell, Jr., bill digester and reference assistant, GS-7, CRS A, NP; Michael J. Mellone, photocopy assistant-mail clerk, GS-3, CRS D, NP; Priscilla Pemberton, editorial clerk-typist, GS-3, CRS Ed, NP; Richard P. Swing, reference assistant, GS-4, CRS GGR, NP; Howard Useem, analyst in fiscal policy, GS-9, CRS E, 6688; Gregory A. Vann, deck attendant, GS-3, S&R, 4-600.

Reappointments: Paul B. Ingram, supply clerk & messenger, GT-3, Photodup, 9-100; Jean M. Lichty, reference assistant, GS-4, CRS Ed, NP; Timothy Edward McKissick, editorial clerk, GS-5, Cop Cat, 6598; Charlotte J. Moore, analyst social legislation, GS-11, CRS Ed, NP.

Promotion: Elli Olsoni, librarian, GT-12, NUCPP, NP.

Transfers: Barbara J. Collins, Card, to catalog filer, GS-7, Cat Mgmt, NP; Marilyn A. Edwards, Card, to clerk-typist, GS-4, E&G, NP; Vaughn C. Garner, Card, to catalog filer, GS-7, Cat Mgmt, NP; Jesse B. McCallan, Card, to catalog filer, GS-7, Cat Mgmt, NP; Lula G. McMurray, Card, to catalog filer, GS-7, Cat Mgmt, NP.

Resignations: Janice G. Glasser, CRS A; Helen C. MacNamee, Cop Serv; Thomas R. Michaelson, CRS E; Trelesa Morrison, Cop Cat; Jessie A. Rogers, S&R; Sun Ying C. Yeh, CRS D.

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Catherine I. Bahn, Principal Recommending Officer in the Science and Technology Division, is the compiler of "Technical Reports in Geography and Mapping," a bibliographic article appearing in the December 1973 issue of the Special Library Association Geography and Map Division *Bulletin.*

John P. Balys of the Slavic and Central European Division, with the assistance of B. Jēgers, compiled "Latvian Bibliographies: A Selective List" which contains 230 entries and appears in the *Journal of Baltic Studies,* Vol. 4, No. 4, Winter 1973. A shorter selective list of 205 entries in German, "Lettische Bibliographien," appears in *Acta Baltica* (Königstein, West Germany) Vol. 13, 1973.

Roy P. Basler, Chief of the Manuscript Division, delivered one in a series of monthly lectures sponsored by the International Institute of Sex Identities on May 19. He spoke on "Sexual Identities in English Love Poetry." The meeting took place in the library of the Alva Belmont House, The National Woman's Party Building, in Washington, D.C. A reception followed.

Arline Custer, Head of the Manuscript Section, Descriptive Cataloging Division, conducted a workshop on "Reporting Collections to NUCMC" during a period of concurrent sessions of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference on April 26 in Charlottesville, Va. Some of the 14 participants were not aware that the acronym NUCMC (pronounced Nuckmuck) stands for a program and its resulting publication, the *National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections,* an annual volume which reports descriptions of the manuscript collections held in American repositories. Reports of these collections are received, cataloged, and indexed by the Library of Congress and are published in the annual volume. The new participants had specific questions which long-term participants in attendance helped to answer by providing examples of how they solve questioned situations of organization of the material and consequent reporting to NUCMC. The worthwhile session helped to publicize the program's inestimable usefulness to scholars and reference librarians and helped to lighten the spirits of those who thought reporting would be a difficult chore.

F. Kurt Cylke, Chief of the Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, was elected First Vice President and President-elect of the Washington, D.C. chapter of the Special Libraries Association at the association's annual banquet on May 16.

Patrick Frazier, Directory and Loose Leaf Assistant, General Reference and Bibliography Division, is the author of a feature article on "Arthritis and Bees: Venom Research Overcoming Old Prejudices" appearing in the Sunday, May 19, Washington *Post* "Outlook" section. His article deals with the history of folk medicines, which claim that bee stings are a treatment for arthritis, and the examination of modern bee venom research.

Daniel Hoffman, Consultant in Poetry to the Library of Congress, has edited a recent anthology, *University & College Poetry Prizes 1967-72* (95 p.) in connection with the observance of The Academy of American Poets' 14 years of activities in support of

poetry. Works by 48 poets were selected by Mr. Hoffman from the approximately 1,500 poems which were awarded prizes between 1967 to 1972 in annual college and university poetry contests sponsored by the Academy.

In his preface Mr. Hoffman writes, "The future of the art of verse is for the moment assured, for all over the country young writers are exploring the depth of their own gifts. Poetry is clearly at the center of their lives, and as long as this is true we can look forward expectantly to whatever they may write in the future."

Libraries may obtain complimentary copies by writing to The Academy of American Poets, 1078 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10028.

George Leibowitz, Senior Specialist in Taxation in the Congressional Research Service, moderated a session at the 1974 Tax Briefing Conference of the Federal Bar Association held on May 6-7 in Washington, D.C. Mr. Leibowitz's session focused on energy tax legislation and included discussions on political campaigns and tax accounting issues. The speakers at the session included tax policy officials from the Treasury Department, tax staff members from Congressional committees, and outstanding tax lawyers in private practice. The annual conference also examined foreign tax problems, pension legislation, and tax shelters.

Joseph N. Meredith, Reference Specialist in the Local History and Genealogy Room, spoke on resources for research in 18th-century genealogy in the Library of Congress before the Tidewater Genealogical Seminar in Hampton, Va., on May 18.

George Siehl, Analyst in the Environmental Policy Division of the Congressional Research Service, reviews environmental materials and developments in 1973 in the May 15 issue of the *Library Journal.* In his seven page "Environment Update" he examines the effect of the energy crisis on the environmental movement, Congressional and Executive Branch actions, and the future of energy. Mr. Siehl concludes with a review of literature on subjects relating to energy and the environment.

The article, "Report of Visit to China," by **Chi Wang,** Assistant Head of the Chinese and Korean Section, Orientalia Division, which appeared in the September 29, 1972 LC *Information Bulletin,* is now available in German and Japanese. The German translation by G. Siemers appears in the *Dokumentationsdienst Asien Mitteilungen,* No. 3, 1973, pp. 55-62. This bulletin is published by the Asia Documentation Center in Hamburg, Germany. The Japanese translation by Yasunosuke Morita appears in *Biblos,* Vol. 24, No. 6, 1973, pp. 10-15. *Biblos* is edited by the Division for Interlibrary Services of the National Diet Library in Tokyo, Japan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

E. Jeremy and **Carol Hutton** are the parents of a third child, a daughter, Clarissa Anne, who was born on March 12 at Columbia Hospital in Columbia, Md. Mr. Hutton is a Legislative Attorney in the American Law Division of the Congressional Research Service.

On Tuesday, June 11, the **Ethnic Employees of the Library of Congress (EELC)** will present the Honorable Fred Schwengel, President of the U.S. Capitol Historical Society, former Congressman, and member of the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress, speaking on "The Contributions of Ethnic Groups to American Life." The meeting will be held in the Whittall Pavilion from 11:45 to 12:15 p.m.

Al Cherry, Director of the **LC Choral Society** for 18 years, has decided to help ease the energy and gasoline crises by making sure there is one less driver on Georgia Ave. each weekday morning. He is retiring from the Library. In a farewell concert, the Choral Society will "Walk Al Out the Door," and will attempt to solve the energy crisis in song on Wednesday, June 5, at 11:45 a.m., and on June 6, at 1 p.m., in the Coolidge Auditorium.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS PUBLICATIONS

Accessions List: Middle East. ISSN 0041-7769. Index to Monographic Titles in 1973. Vol. 11, 1973. (xxiii p.) Vol. 12, No. 1. January 1974. (pp. 1-13.) Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Acting Field Director, Library of Congress Office, American Embassy, Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt.

Accessions List: Pakistan. ISSN 0041-7777. Vol. 12, No. 12. December 1973. (pp. 107-127.) Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Field Director, Library of Congress Office, American Consulate General, Karachi, Pakistan.

Digest of Public General Bills and Resolutions. ISSN 0012-2785. 93rd Congress, 2nd Session. Cumulative Issue No. 1, 1974. (Various pagings.) For sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, for $9.05 this issue or $90 a session, domestic, and $112.50 a session, foreign (LC 14.6:93-1/1-2).

Cooperative Publication Project: The *1974 Calendar of Folk Festivals and Related Events* has been issued by the National Folk Festival Association, in cooperation with the Library of Congress Archive of Folk Song. Contents are arranged by State in this comprehensive guide to the dates and locations of folk music festivals and events. A list of publications which regularly carry announcements of and articles about folk music events is also included. Free copies are available from the National Folk Festival Association, Inc., 1346 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, or from the Archive of Folk Song, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540.

Library of Congress Regulations: No. 2017-4 (May 1) updated procedures concerning the Library's Length of Service Awards program; No. 2022-1 (May 21) cancelled the regulation on the LC Federal Credit Union.

Special Announcements: No. 630 (May 2) gave the Library's hours of service on the Memorial Day holiday; No. 631 (May 3) concerned recent amendments to the Fair Labor Standards Act; No. 632 (May 16) explained provisions of Public Law 93-273 on retirement benefits; No. 633 (May 20) concerned the preparation of annual reports.

Press Releases: No. 74-15 (May 7) Six Distinguished American and British Historians Take Part in Library of Congress Symposium on American Revolution May 9 and 10; No. 74-16 (May 9) Wayne State University Historian Opens Symposium Lectures at Library of Congress with Definition of American Leadership; No. 74-17 (May 9) M.I.T. Historian Presents Psycho-Historical View of American Revolution as Part of Library of Congress Symposium on American Revolution; No. 74-18 (May 10) Library of Congress Concludes Third Symposium in Observance of American Revolution Bicentennial; No. 74-19 (May 15) Biblical Flora and Fauna Examined in Library of Congress Exhibit.

NEW REFERENCE WORKS

A recent addition to the collections of the Main Reading Room is the *Encyclopedia of Sociology* (Guilford, Conn., Dushkin Publishing Group, 1974. 330 p. HM17.E5. $5.95). This reference book attempts to provide compact but comprehensive coverage of the field of sociology for the nonprofessional reader. It considers "the language of sociology, the full range of its theories, the institutions of society, and the leading figures in both historical and contemporary sociology."

Additionally, many articles cover important concepts, personalities, and research findings in the related social sciences. The more than 1,300 articles in the encyclopedia are arranged alphabetically and range in length from approximately 25 to 25,000 words. Articles of 20 or more lines are signed.

[*Elizabeth Jenkins*]

Research in Progress, 1972-1974; a Selected Listing of Current Research on Africa has been issued by the Research Liaison Committee of the African Studies Association. Compiled by Susan Dunlay and Gail von Hahmann, it cites 382 research projects being conducted at the masters, doctoral, or post-doctoral levels. The emphasis is on studies in the social sciences and humanities, with some citations to research in the natural sciences. There are separate indexes to authors, subjects and geographic areas, and sponsoring institutions.

Information on the availability of the guide and of computer printouts for specific categories of research projects can be obtained from the Research Liaison Committee, African Studies Association, 205 Shiffman Center, Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass. 02154. A copy is available for consultation in the African Section, General Reference and Bibliography Division. [*Julian W. Witherell*]

Marvin J. Cetron and Boda Bartocha are editors of a new book, *Technology Assessment in a Dynamic Environment.* (New York and London, Gordon and Breach 1973. 1036 p. T174.5. C48. $45).

Mr. Cetron, president of Forecasting International Ltd., in Arlington, Va., and Mr. Bartocha, who heads the Office of International Programs in the National Science Foundation, have divided their book into four general areas: Technology Assessment in Various Parts of the World; Methodological Considerations; Case Studies; and The Future of Technology Assessment.

According to the editors, planning of the book began in 1969; in 1971 they decided that the material available warranted a "state-of-the-art" synthesis. Their stated goal in producing *Technology Assessment in a Dynamic Environment* was "to present the many disputed and varied concepts of technology assessment in a way that can be readily utilized by managers and decision makers . . ."

Part I comprises over half of the book and includes articles on technology assessment in Canada, France, Germany, Great Britain, Israel, Japan, Sweden, and the U.S.S.R., each written by a leading science policy expert in the respective country. No general agreement on methodology or on principles emerges from these articles; each author considers the needs of his

own country in arriving at assessment priorities, potentials and needs. For example, G. M. Dobrov, Doctor of Economic Sciences, U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences, says "The Science of Science is a new scientific discipline whose objective is a systematic theoretical analysis of scientific effort and its results for the purposes of forecasting technology and for determining needed changes in organization, management and policy as science itself changes."

Dr. Dobrov uses the term science in a general sense to cover technology as well as research and development activities. Raymond Saint-Paul, a professor, and Pierre-Frederic Teniere-Buchot, an engineer, describe the French view of technology assessment as an analysis of the system of research and development in the context of a firm, with the intention of illuminating the various connections which exist between technological forecasting, project selection, long term planning, and the more traditional activities of the enterprise.

Mats Höjeberg and Daniel Sundström, of the Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences, define technology assessment in Sweden to date as being concerned with resource allocation for research and development. C. Sinclair, in the Science Policy Research Unit, Great Britain, calls technology assessment a socio-political innovation, and David Kiefer, Senior Editor of the *Chemical and Engineering News*, defines technology assessment as an attempt to establish an early-warning system to control, direct, and, if necessary, restrain technological development so as to maximize the public good while minimizing the public risks. His definition suggests a new approach to allocating scientific resources, setting technological priorities, and seeking more benign alternatives to the technology already at hand. Several articles on environmental and social responsibilities were written by representatives of both private industry and government.

Part II is concerned with methodological considerations, betraying the relative youth of this discipline with regard to established methods of handling the societal indicators, the economic aspects, and the cross-impact.

Several case studies are detailed in Part III, emphasizing, in general, the need to extend the correlations beyond local or national areas to world-wide aspects.

In Part IV, the future of technology assessment is investigated, with planning, forecasting, impacts, and policy formulation playing the main roles. Walter A. Hahn, Senior Specialist in Science and Technology, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress, in his article on policy formulation, raises a number of thoughtful questions. The book may be examined in the Science Reading Room. [*Catherine I. Bahn*]

NEWS IN THE LIBRARY WORLD

COURSES AND WORKSHOPS

The University of California, Santa Cruz, will offer four workshops this summer—"Introduction to Mechanization of Library Technical Processes" on June 28-29, "Library Management Seminar" on July 12-13 and 26-27, "Labor Relations and Library Management" on July 19-20, and "Interlibrary and Information Networks" on August 16-17. For an information brochure: University of California Extension, Santa Cruz, Calif. 95064.

The Pratt Institute Graduate School of Library and Information Science will offer a course on the "Use of Video in Library Instruction" on July 5-7 at the Pratt Manhattan Center, 46 Park Ave., New York, N.Y. For further information: The Pratt Institute Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11205.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Special Libraries Association Washington, D.C. Chapter announced the results of its elections at the annual banquet held on May 16; officers for 1974 are Doris Baster, Librarian of the Naval Research Laboratory, President; F. Kurt Cylke, Chief of the Library of Congress Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Vice President and President-elect; Theodora McGill, Second Vice President; Margaret Daley, Recording Secretary; Marilyn Gell, Corresponding Secretary; and Elaine Rosenthal, Director.

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